

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [1001] with the following amended paragraph:

**[1001]** This application is related to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/664,121 ~~xx/xxx,xxx~~ (~~Attorney Docket No. 004-9183~~) by Toshinari Takayanagi, entitled “Negative Bias Temperature Instability (NBTI) Hardened Sense Amplifier Circuit and Method Therefor,” filed on September 17, 2003 ~~even date herewith~~, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.